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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.